

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 22 has been amended, and claims 17, 23, 25, and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-16, 18-19, 21-22, 24, and 26 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1 and 16 are independent claims. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1, 4-16, 18-19, 21, 24, and 26 are allowed.

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because it (a) places the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration by the Examiner because similar subject matter was previously considered by the Examiner and thus further consideration and/or search by the Examiner is not warranted; (c) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary; and (d) responds to formal matters set forth by the Examiner. For at least these reasons, entry of the present Amendment is therefore respectfully requested. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Drawing Objection

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). Claims 17, 23, 25, and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; therefore, the objections to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) are rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawing objection.

Claim Objection

In the Office Action, claim 22 was objected to because of minor informalities.

Claim 22 has been amended to correct the minor informalities. This amendment is made for the sole purpose of correction. This amendment is not made for the purpose of avoiding prior art or narrowing the claimed invention, and no change in claim scope is intended. Therefore Applicants do not intend to relinquish any subject matter by these amendments. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22, as amended, overcomes the stated objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection for claim 22.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 17, 23, 25, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 17, 23, 25, and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 17, 23, 25, and 27.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1, 4-16, 18, 19, 21, 24 and 26 are allowed.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 16 and all claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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